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INVENTION TITLE

Retail customer and product purchase divider with interactive retail transaction functions

To: The Commissioner of Patents

Enclosed are the corrected claims on a separate sheet ( page 15 ) and re-printed page 14 containing Detailed Description of the Invention and page 16 containing the Abstract. Please contact me if other corrections are required.

Sincerely,

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product purchase **28** is compared with the scanned product data weight in the divider system computer **23** data weight for each item. The cart and products total weight and the matching data base totals for the scanned items should be the same weight. A store may prefer to have a checker bag the products and eye the products scan errors. Another store may want the customer to bag their groceries as they go leaving no need to empty and re-bag groceries.

A store, debit, credit or smart card **52** can be read and the processing data forwarded to the processing company. The product purchase data can be downloaded by an infrared data port **50** on the divider and located at the POP **26**. The transaction divider **30** will keep the purchase and card data internally until transmitted to the store POP system and register **25, 21**, the transaction is completed and then discard it. The other transaction divider version that is not wireless **36** will have internal memory, LCD that displays pre-stored bar codes **67** and an operating program. When finished the customer will receive a transaction receipt and the divider is cleared **80** and placed for the next customer.

